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DelDOT's 2003 Toys For Tots Drive A Success!

Dover – The Department of Transportation announces that a successful 2003 Toys For Tots Drive yielded a record-breaking 365 toys for local families.

Four events held throughout the state (one at each district office) encouraged employees to bring in a new, unwrapped toy for a child up to 16 years of age. Many employees did just that, while sharing the worthy event with their families. Children of employees were invited to sit on Santa's lap for a photo and chat session, as well as partake of some light refreshments.

"We are extremely pleased by our employee's involvement this year. It is great that we are able to make the holiday bright for those less fortunate," said Secretary Nathan Hayward III.

Gifts ranged from the traditional toy trucks and Barbie dolls to newfound favorites such as Care Bears, Strawberry Shortcake and Lincoln Logs.

Also a first this year, was a \$100 check received from an outside group. The group learned of DelDOT's involvement with the program and agreed to help via a cash donation.

The majority of the toys were given to the Central Delaware Detachment Marine Corps League, while approximately 1/3 of the toys will be distributed to Casa San Francisco, a shelter in Sussex County.

This is the eighth consecutive year DelDOT has partnered with the Marine Corps League on the Toys for Tots program. In 2002, DelDOT collected and donated just over 285 toys.